

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 have been canceled in favor of new claims 20-26. Support for the subject matter of the new claims is provided at least in the original claims and paragraphs 8, 17-20, 34-45, and 48-57.

Claims 1-19 were rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Broussard et al. (US 6,963,637). To the extent these rejections may be deemed applicable to new claims 20-26, the Applicant respectfully traverses based on the points set forth below.

Claim 20 defines a private branch exchange (PBX) that receives dial information from an extension station and communicates a corresponding dial signal to a digital communication line. When the PBX detects an acknowledgment to the dial signal during a redial call initiated by the extension station, the PBX communicates other information of the extension station to the digital communication line.

It is submitted that Broussard does not disclose the claimed feature of communicating information related to an extension

station in response to receiving an acknowledgment of a dial signal during a redial call.

Instead, Broussard discloses storing numbers and triggers (e.g., tones, circuit events, audible events, and pause periods) used for dialing a call so that they may subsequently be replayed during a redial sequence (see Broussard col. 8, lines 59-67). During the redial sequence, the stored numbers are communicated at intervals established by the triggers stored between successive numbers (see col. 9, line 11-15).

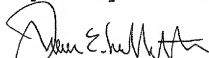
Thus, Broussard's system communicates the same information to dial and redial a call and this information is communicated without regard to whether an acknowledgment to a dial signal has been received. As a result, Broussard does not disclose communicating stored information relating to an extension station in response to receiving an acknowledgment to a communicated dial signal, as recited in claim 20.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that Broussard does not anticipate the subject matter defined by claim 20. Therefore, allowance of claim 20 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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